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CUBAN RESOLUTIONS LIKELY TO OCCUPY SENATE'S ATTENTION.

The Debate May Last Until Fourth of March—Messrs. Morgan, Lodge and Others Will Take Position Adverse To That of Secretary Olney.

Washington, December 20.—The Cuban question and Secretary Olney's statement of the executive position may precipitate a debate in the Senate tomorrow that will see settle the regular business assigned for the two days that body will still be in session before the holiday recess. It is not improbable that some of the more radical Cuban sympathizers will start a discussion with the presentation of Senator Cameron's report shortly after the morning hour.

Conservative Senators who have studied the precedents are inclined to the opinion that the talk about a serious difficulty between the President and Congress has no sound foundation. Cool heads will counsel moderation.

There is not the remotest probability of Mr. Cameron's resolution recognizing the independence of the Republic of Cuba being acted upon in the Senate before the holiday recess. When the debate does begin it is evident that Senators Morgan, Davis, Chandler, Lodge, Guilford and Mills will take up a position adverse to that of the Secretary of State and the discussion may be prolonged till after the fourth of March.

If the programme of the Senate, made before the Cuban question took such an acute form, is permitted to be carried out, the Senate will discuss the Oklahoma free homestead bill, which is unfinished business. The beginning of the holiday recess with the adjournment Tuesday gives but two days for business in the House, and there is small prospect of a quorum. Consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which is unfinished business, will be resumed tomorrow and the measure will probably be disposed of, unless the advocates of the library scheme, proposed by the joint committee as a substitute for the provisions reported by the committee should require the presence of a quorum, in which case the bill will go over until after the holidays.

SEAMAN PERDOCK STORY.

More About the Tragedy on the Bark Herbert Fuller.

Boston, December 19.—In the Bram murder trial today, the motion for a postponement in order that the defense might procure additional evidence as to the family of Seaman Brown was overruled. Brown testified to being taken sick while in Holland. For 13 days he was in a hospital. He said the hospital doctor told him that he had fired a shot, but not to fear for anything had been forgiven. A Swedish officer also told him that all was not well. He had been robbed before the money which fact he found out after three weeks' confinement in the hospital.

Henry Perdock, a seaman on the Herbert Fuller, the testimony of the testimony of the other witnesses in all essential particulars regarding the events of the night of the tragedy. At 12 he relieved the watch. He laid down aft of the fore-castle and went to sleep. He heard no noise between one and two. He described the finding of the bodies, as told by other witnesses. He heard Bram make a statement about how the crimes

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THE WEATHER.

Postmaster at Plymouth.

Washington, December 19.—W. A. Allen was today appointed postmaster at Plymouth, Me.

Death of Hon. M. B. Roberts.

Stockton Springs, December 20.—Hon. B. M. Roberts, ex-postmaster and merchant died this afternoon age 76. He was very prominent in politics and held various positions of trust as an ex-state senator, and ex-collector of customs.

Local Weather Report.

Portland, December 20.—The local weather bureau office records as to the weather are the following:

8 a. m.—Barometer, 30.035; thermometer 14.0; dew point, 5; humidity, 38.0; wind, W; velocity, 4; weather, cloudy.

8 p. m.—Barometer, 29.917; thermometer 17.0; dew point, 9; humidity, 66.0; wind, W; velocity, 5; weather, cloudy.

Mean daily thermometer, 17.0; maximum thermometer, 23.0; minimum thermometer, 12.0; maximum velocity of wind, 7W; total precipitation, .7.

Weather Observation.

The agricultural department weather bureau for yesterday, December 20, taken at 8 p. m. meridian time, the observation for each station being given in this order: Temperature, direction of wind, state of weather:

Boston, 26 degrees, S.W. clear; New York, 30 degrees, W. clear; Philadelphia, 28 degrees, W. clear; Washington, 23 degrees, S. cloudy; Albany, 34 degrees, S. cloudy; Buffalo, 28 degrees, W. snow; Detroit, 18 degrees, W. snow; Chicago, 24 degrees, N.W. cloudy; St. Paul, 13 degrees, W. clear; Huron, 14 degrees, S.E. cloudy; Blackrock, 10 degrees, N.E. cloudy; Jacksonville, 13 degrees, N.W. clear.

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must have been committed by the mate and he signed the paper which Monks prepared. He could not read the paper and it was not read to him.

On cross-examination Perdock said he saw Bram walking between the main and mizzenmast, between 2 and 3. He heard no noise whatever while he was on the lookout, from 1 to 3. He was with Brown between 3 and 3. Brown did not have much to say that night; he only answered questions. Brown's face changed very much when he was put in irons and he looked as if he wanted to do something before he was put in irons, which was the reason for doing it. Brown would not see the longations he himself, sometimes low and sometimes loud, but the witness could not understand him. The witness said that before the murder, Brown was conversing with Bram because the latter found fault with his work. Brown talked considerably after the mate left him. On the night of the murder, Brown was nearly with Bram two or three times after he had lain down and told him to go to sleep. The witness did not like this, but had not said he was afraid of Brown. After a brief recess Jonathan Spencer, the steward of the Herbert Fuller, was called to the witness stand.

He testified to some conversations he had with Bram but the time for adjournment arrived before he had got to the story of the murder.

FURY OF THE GALE.

How It Felt on the Runaway Lighthouse.

Woodshill, Mass., December 19.—Capt. Jorgenson, of the Nantucket Shoals lightship, says of his experience during the late storm: "The storm began about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and the sea began to roll down upon us in mountainous waves. The wind whistled through the rigging with fearful velocity. The men on watch found it difficult to remain on deck. The spray which drenched the decks nearly blinded them. The snow fell in such thick and blinding clouds that we could not see the lightship. The barometer began to fall steadily and about 8 in the morning reached the lowest point I have ever seen it, being 29.86 inches. The wind certainly blew more than 80 miles per hour. All day Wednesday and long into the night, the tide was running at a 10-knot clip and between the force of the tide and the fury of the storm the ship was almost continually on its beam ends. We were all obliged to remain below except the crew of the launch, which was sent out in such a way that we would be thrown into the sea if we ventured from below. We had 180 fathoms of chain attached to a 7000 pound mushroom anchor. The water was about 30 fathoms deep. The weight of the chain cable would pull the high board of the boat into the mountainous waves. The ship was broken and when the waves passed down into the trough of the boiling sea, the ship would go under until it seemed that we were bound to stop until the bottom was reached.

"A few minutes after 10 on Wednesday the ship descended into the trough of the sea until the water seemed to rise in a wall on either side of us nearly 50 feet high. Down the staunch ship continued to go, when suddenly it was thrown high in the air and the water which was on the wave and land when it again fell into the trough of the sea it had released itself from the mushroom anchor and was drifting about in the sea. The ship was broken and when the waves passed down into the trough of the boiling sea, the ship would go under until it seemed that we were bound to stop until the bottom was reached.

"The operation and effect of the proposed resolution, therefore, even if passed by both houses of Congress by a two-thirds vote, are perfectly plain. It may raise expectations in some quarters which can never be realized. It may inflame popular passion, both in this country and elsewhere. It may thus put in peril the lives and property of American citizens who are resident and traveling abroad, and will certainly obstruct and perhaps defeat his best efforts of this government to afford such citizens due protection.

"But except in these ways, and unless the advice embodied in the resolution shall be followed, the government will have already reached, and officially declared, the resolution will be without effect, and will leave unaltered the attitude of this government toward the two contending parties in Cuba."

RECOVERING FROM WAR FEVER.

Spainards Disposed to Be Little More Lenient Towards United States.

Madrid, December 20.—Senor del Castillo, prime minister, received the official text of the Cleveland declaration and the American Congress and will shortly make a declaration on that part of the document which refers to the Cuban question. Conferences have been held the past few days between the most prominent men in political life in Spain with the object of seeking a solution of the problem which confronts the government and which it is possible might cause war with the United States.

It is conceded in all political circles that the situation is grave, but it is thought the willingness of Spain to grant reforms in the Spanish West Indies should be able to exert any undue pressure on the government of the United States.

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Prime Minister Canovas holds that under the framing of Senator Cameron's resolution there will be no serious intervention on the part of the United States in Cuba.

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Does All Ready To Go To War with the United States.

Madrid, December 19.—The excitement in this city caused by the news of the action of the foreign relations committee of the United States Senate in deciding to report in favor of the independence of Cuba, was intense. A wave of popular indignation swept over the entire country and the bitter feeling against the United States has been greatly intensified. There is no denying the fact that popular feeling is in favor of boldly defying the United States and notifying the American government that Cuba will be retained by Spain if it takes her last dollar and her last man to uphold her sovereignty.

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Remarkable Pretensions of Present Administration.

OLNEY SAYS CONGRESS HAS NO POWER TO RECOGNIZE CUBA.

That Alone Vested in the President—Generally Supposed That He Was Speaking for the President—Opinions of Members of Congress.

Washington, December 19.—Secretary of State Olney, in the absence of the President, and with only the lower house of Congress in session, precipitated upon the public today a statement which would seem to imply that a conflict between the executive and legislative branches of the national government is in prospect on the Cuban question. The most singular feature of the situation is that the liberation of the new government was derived from a careful study of the Constitution entered upon by him before he became secretary of state. He specified in detail certain things which in his judgment certain things which in his judgment Congress could not do, which included matters other than the recognition of new governments, and stated his opinion that a constitutional lawyer, that these matters rested with the executive alone. Mr. Olney declined to admit that his announcement of his views on the question of Cuban recognition was the result of any telegraphic instructions received from the President. On the contrary, he conveyed the impression that they were his own views, and that he was in consultation with his cabinet associates in the President's absence or with the President himself.

His statement, Mr. Olney said: "The power to recognize the so-called republic of Cuba as an independent state rests exclusively with the executive."

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the populace. It is the consensus of opinion that it would take very little to so inflame the people as to provoke much trouble for the government should it show any sign of weakening before the unwarranted pretensions of the United States. The government's attitude, deprecating the action of the committee, maintains a dignified attitude.

Though some uneasiness was at first expressed this was delayed by the dispatches containing Secretary Olney's statement to the effect that, no matter what action Congress may take on the Cameron resolution, the recognition of the independence of Cuba rests entirely with the American executive. The attitude of President Cleveland and Mr. Olney has heretofore met with the high approval of the government and the opinion is freely expressed in government circles that there is scarcely any probability that there will be any change in their attitude on the subject.

SPAIN WOULD GO FAR.

It is stated on good authority that Spain has notified the American government it is willing to go far in order to meet the views of the United States regarding administrative reforms in Puerto Rico on the lines laid down in the bill adopted by the Cortes last year. When the situation in Cuba was such that such reforms will be inaugurated there that will prove satisfactory to all concerned. These will include administrative autonomy, such measures of political and economical autonomy as will be compatible with the interests of the crown and a change in the tariff laws that will give the people the right to trade in the island with the United States, and to closer commercial relations.

The government will not for a moment consider any question involving the abandonment of the island and it can be emphatically stated it would not dare to do so. The temper of the people is fairly aroused and any government, conservative or liberal, would be signing its own death warrant should it ever suggest the ceding of Spanish rule in Cuba. Efforts have been made to obtain authoritative statements from the ministers as to the situation, but they decline to express any views on the subject. It can be stated that in government circles no idea of war growing out of the Cuban resolutions is entertained. It is believed that the professions of friendship made by President Cleveland and Mr. Olney through the American minister here, are thoroughly sincere.

It is thought that some progress might be made by popular clamor were it in session, to take some action that would result in the overthrow of the government, but as it is impossible to do so, it is believed that danger from that source is eliminated. Even should the government resign and be succeeded by a liberal cabinet, the attitude toward Cuba, for upon the least sign of its giving way to the dictation of the United States, the populace and army would upset it.

STERN MEASURES OF REPRESSION.

Every precaution has been taken to guard against any outbreak by the people. It is hoped that the excitement and indignation that have been aroused will subside without it being necessary to call on the militia to suppress disorders. The students of the universities, who are the most turbulent element, are being closely watched and any attempt at a demonstration on their part will be severely repressed.

All the newspapers here express the most intense indignation because of the unwarranted interference of the United States with the rights of Spain. They declare that the government will not base the settlement of the Cuban question on the granting of autonomy to the island in view of the strong popular opposition to the granting of any reform while the rebellion is in progress. They contend the government will be compelled to maintain a determined attitude toward the government of the United States. Nevertheless they add the government is resolved to repress any hostile agitation against the United States or its representatives in Spain.

Republic of Cuba a Myth.

Philadelphia, December 20.—While declining to express a positive opinion as to the powers of Congress in the premises, ex-United States Senator Edmund J. Burke of Vermont today did not hesitate to speak of the untenable position assumed by those who desire to have the Republic of Cuba recognized. "To recognize as separate and independent state anything so mythical as the Republic of Cuba," he said, "would put this country in a very undesirable position."

Gen. Lee Interviews Olney.

Washington, December 20.—Consul General Fitz Hugh Lee arrived here this morning from New York and after a brief stop, continued his journey to Tampa. He will leave Tampa Monday evening for Cuba. During his short stay here, Gen. Lee, it is said, had a chat with Secretary Olney.

Naval Vessels To Be Put in Readiness for Sea.

Brooklyn, N. Y., December 19.—It was stated today by a good authority that received from the navy department at Washington to the effect that all repairs on ships being overhauled at this station must be completed by January 1st. The vessels now at the yard undergoing repairs include the cruiser Columbia, the ram battleship Massachusetts, the cruiser Montgomery, the monitors Puritan and Terror and the battleship Texas. The fleet ship New York and the battleship Maine are anchored off Staten Island, and will sail south Monday.

Mace Poisoned.

Key West, Fla., December 19.—Private advices received tonight state that the late Senator Mace, of Maine, who was 25 years old, among them five Americans, were poisoned through the treachery of Dr. Zertuche, planned by Ahumada and himself.

American Law Laid Down by a Paris Newspaper.

Paris, December 19.—The Temps, commenting on the Spanish-American question, says that the sole way to reach a settlement is by the ability of the American Congress to override the veto of the President. If the Congress persists in its apparent intention to do so, it will be compelled to declare it. It may become equivalent to a declaration of war. It is strongly probable that good sense will triumph, although there is serious risk that the aggressive instinct will prevail.

HOW IT WAS RECEIVED.

Secretary Olney's Statement as Viewed by Members of Congress.

Washington, December 19.—Secretary Olney's statement was viewed by

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GARDINER JOINS US.

New City Admitted to Maine Polo League.

WILL BEGIN PLAYING THE FIRST OF NEXT MONTH.

Meeting at Brunswick Decides On a Six Club League—Schedule Adopted for the Month of January—Clubs All Represented at Meeting.

Brunswick, December 20.—A meeting of the Maine Roller Polo league was held at the Tontine today. There were present: H. H. Donnell, Bath; E. P. Smart, Augusta; W. W. Burnham, Portland; H. G. Bird, Rockland; G. L. Wheeler and Henry Cody, Lewiston. W. A. Atkins and O. M. Snowman presented an application for Gardiner's admission to the league. It was voted to grant a franchise to the Gardiner team to enter on a new schedule January 2. The following schedule was adopted for January:

January 1—Augusta at Portland, Bath at Lewiston.

January 2—Portland at Lewiston, Augusta at Bath, Gardiner at Rockland.

January 3—Bath at Rockland, Augusta at Gardiner.

January 4—Gardiner at Lewiston, Rockland at Bath.

January 5—Gardiner at Augusta, Rockland at Portland.

January 6—Lewiston at Bath, Bath at Portland, Augusta at Rockland.

January 7—Portland at Augusta, Bath at Lewiston.

January 8—Bath at Gardiner, Augusta at Lewiston, Portland at Rockland.

January 9—Lewiston at Portland, Gardiner at Bath.

January 10—Bath at Augusta, Gardiner at Portland.

January 11—Lewiston at Rockland.

January 12—Lewiston at Rockland.

January 13—Lewiston at Rockland.

January 14—Rockland at Bath, Gardiner at Lewiston, Augusta at Portland.

January 15—Portland at Gardiner.

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January 26—Portland at Gardiner.

January 27—Portland at Gardiner.

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ceived in the House of Representatives without any manifestation of surprise. A few members thought that the Secretary's announcement raised a grave constitutional question.

Mr. Pearson of North Carolina commented on "the tone of infallibility" which, in his judgment, was not justified by the first article of the constitution.

Mr. Moody of Massachusetts thought the consideration of the abstract question the Secretary's statement raised, is likely to obscure for a time, at least, the consideration of the Cuban question.

Mr. Livingston of Georgia strongly dissented from the President's position and thought that if he maintains it he may make himself liable to impeachment.

Generally speaking, the Secretary's position was regarded as clarifying the atmosphere and throwing a fresh obstacle in the path of Congress to interfere in the struggle between Spain and her colony.

A careful canvass of the House disclosed the fact that a good many members have no clear conception of the relative powers of the President and Congress and were unwilling to discuss hastily this phase of the question. The House is plainly not in a belligerent mood. What it would do if the Senate resolution came equally before it can only be conjectured. It is not safe to assume that it would pass it after a more or less vigorous debate, but it is equally clear that the House at present has little interest in the Cuban question and is content to let the President and the Senate fight it out.

There is more than a reasonable doubt whether the foreign affairs committee would report the resolution favorably. Today, as yesterday, the members of the committee were receding in speculation as to what they might do, but there is a strong probability that a majority would set their faces strongly against any action which might embarrass President Cleveland or prove a handicap to the incoming administration. The administration men in the House do not propose to be contrary to the President's views and the public leaders are ill-disposed to adopt any course which might be distasteful to the President.

Mr. Turner of Georgia, who strongly opposed the resolution of sympathy that passed at the last session and who is one of the most influential Democrats in the House, comments Secretary Olney's position and maintains that the business of the country requires rest from agitation and excitement. This is the view of many Democrats and Republicans.

HOW MEMBERS ARE INFLUENCED.

Various considerations influence the members. The larger number think the question should be left for the new administration to settle, while others, who represent business constituents, fear the probability of a war would seriously disturb existing conditions and others are anticipating a revival of better times from the adoption of a new tariff policy. Many members who deprecate any action on the part of Congress might be influenced by Spain as an unfriendly act would doubtless be driven by the force of the popular will at home to support the Senate resolution. Do not, for that reason, wish to be quoted. Information privately given is that their influence would be quietly exerted to pigeon hole the resolution in committee until the session is over far advanced to make its adoption advisable.

Mr. Dingley, Republican of Maine, chairman of the committee on ways and means, and Republican leader of the House, in an interview said: "My judgment is the matter should be left to the proper diplomatic officers. Ordinarily interference by the legislative branch only produces mischief."

Senator Frye said: "I have no doubt a majority of the members of the committee believe that if the resolution should be passed by a two-thirds vote over the presidential veto, it would become law."

"I think it is also the opinion of the majority of the committee that the secretary of state is wrong in his opinion."

CHANDLER IS WARLIKE.

Senator Chandler said: "This statement of Mr. Olney is the most preposterous proposition ever emitted by an engaged executive and has no foundation whatever either in reason or precedent. The President and Secretary are guilty of uttering the grossest defiance of Congress that can be imagined. No President or Secretary will, any length of time to serve before him would have dared to assert to the world that they are the government of the United States in this category. I trust a little more reflection will satisfy him that the commander in chief of the army and navy cannot also become the dictator in the civil power of the government of the United States."

MORGAN SPEAKS OUT.

Senator Morgan of Alabama said: "If the President has the power to disregard a law enacted by Congress, over his veto, we have ceased to live in a land of laws and find in our Presidential office a power not pretended to by any monarch that exists in the world, or has existed since the dissolution of Parliament by Cromwell. Mr. Olney puts the President in this category. I trust a little more reflection will satisfy him that the commander in chief of the army and navy cannot also become the dictator in the civil power of the government of the United States."

Mr. Morgan said the committee acted solely upon the facts in the President's message and these facts fully justified the course they had taken. Mr. Olney was advised of this fact when he was before the committee and did not, Mr. Morgan said, pretend to controvert it. Before the committee Mr. Olney's only point was as to the existence of a civil government in Cuba controlled by the people of the island and upon this point he argued against the duty of the United States to intervene for the causes set forth in the President's message. Mr. Morgan said Mr. Olney insisted that doing was better than action for the sake of preserving good relations between Spain and the United States. He said that would tend to control its action, in addition to those found in the message, except that in April last he made an overture to Spain to intervene but received no reply.

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BIBLE THE CONSOLER OF MANKIND.

Sermon by Rev. E. P. Woodward at Second Advent Church.

At the Second Advent church, Rev. E. P. Woodward, preached on the above subject in response to Dr. Blanchard's sermon of November 29. The text was 1 Samuel, 10:11—"Is Saul also among the prophets?" This was a proverb originating with Saul's temporary possession of the prophetic gift, and is now used when a person takes a stand for truth which is utterly unexpected. It seems appropriate today, when a man who has labored so assiduously to convince this city that the Bible is "literature, and not revelation," who has insisted that it has no "authority," what ever now calls upon us to study the Bible more, because it is "the Consoler of mankind," that we should say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

Mr. McCall, Republican of Massachusetts, said: "What I do not agree with Secretary Olney that the power to recognize the Cuban republic as an independent state rests exclusively with the executive, the question is one which can be much better dealt with by that department of the government and it has been usual heretofore to have that department exercise jurisdiction over such questions. I think the Senate resolution is extreme and irritating in character and is likely to do more harm than good. The only way by which the resolution can help Cuba is by involving this country in a war."

Mr. Moody, Republican—"I always thought the orderly administration of affairs should be left with the President. Mr. Olney's assertion that Congress has not the constitutional power to recognize the independence of a state is going beyond any conviction of my own. It raises a very grave constitutional question."

Wm. A. Stone, Republican of Pennsylvania—"In matters exclusively within the jurisdiction of the President and upon which he has greater opportunities to obtain information than this House we ought to be very careful in acting hastily. The new President will be inaugurated on the fourth of March and Congress will have the opportunity to examine all facts relating to the Cuban question."

Senator Davis of Minnesota denied that the power to recognize a state rested exclusively with the President. A joint resolution would have the same effect when passed over the Presidential veto as any other act of Congress. Mr. Davis backed up his argument with numerous citations from authorities upon which no man is better posted than he.

CUBA'S BENEDICT ARNOLD.

Dr. Zertucha Tells Another Story of Macco's Death.

Havana, December 19.—Dr. Zertucha, through whose trenchery it is claimed Macco met his death, is in Havana. In an interview today, he explained the relations with the rebel forces. He said great friendship existed between them, and Macco had great confidence in him. Dr. Zertucha, Miro and Francisco Gomez, son of the insurgent commander-in-chief. Dr. Zertucha denied the stories that Macco received in the province of Pinar del Rio a commission sent by Captain-General Weyler asking him to treat for peace. He declared Macco frequently expressed his admiration for Spanish soldiers and praised Generals Benral, Arolas and Rebanque and Colonels Schevarria, Rotger and Francis. He repeated the story already told, about Macco crossing the trocha by sea in front of Martel, and said that the officers who accompanied him were Brigadiers Perico Diaz and Jose Miro, Colonels Albergo Nogera and Gordon, the last named being an American, Majors Alfredo Justis Piedra and Ramon Ahumada, Capt. Sanvanel, Lieut. Gomez and himself as surgeon, besides three negro orderlies. Macco was on horseback with his military chapeau unheathed when he was struck by a bullet from a Mauser rifle. As he fell, Zertucha rushed to his assistance, another bullet struck him in the stomach before he reached the ground. All the members of the staff who were around Macco at the time were more or less seriously wounded. Col. Nodarse and Major Jutis died later from the effects of their wounds. Lieut. Gomez was wounded, his wound was attended to and he was placed in a sling. He tried to assist Dr. Zertucha to bury Macco's body, but was again struck by a bullet and knocked down. He then went to the rear and found on his body and committed suicide by stabbing himself with his own knife.

Zertucha says the rebels carried Macco's body into the field, a statement was drawn up signed by all the leaders who had taken part in the engagement explaining the manner in which he had been killed. Zertucha intends to go to Spain and take up his residence in the town of Vizcaya. He will print in Paris a pamphlet in which he will explain the death of Zertucha and intend to go to Spain and take up his residence in the town of Vizcaya. He will print in Paris a pamphlet in which he will explain the death of Zertucha and intend to go to Spain and take up his residence in the town of Vizcaya.

Another False Alarm. The alarm pulled in from box 43 last evening was a false one. One man on the other side of Commercial street said he saw a man pull the box and run while two other men, who were on the street at the time, claimed that there was no one near the box. Whoever is putting up this little game is sure to get caught before long and then he will be about as unhappy a man as dwells in this town. On the way to the fire No. 1 steamer broke a tire, and a part of it caught in some of the rigging of the carriage causing damage that will cost the city a tidy little sum for repairs.

Exports from Portland for the week included.

To the British West Indies, shooks to the value of \$500; to England, 100 bushels of grain, apples and general merchandise amounting to \$185.107. The date for the formal opening and dedication the Old Fellows' new hall in the new Baxter block, has been set for January 11. Grand Master Lovejoy will have charge of the exercises. Messrs. Fred Irving and Robert B. McIntyre have severed their connection with the West End hotel, and beginning on Monday, will assume the management of Sea View cottage which they have leased.

Mr. Rufus H. Hinckley is slowly recovering.

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its doctrine is incorrect, and deny the truth of its claims to give the words of God Himself, then we have not been deceived by the notions of infidelity and atheism any defense which is worth a moment's consideration. To deny its authority, its credibility its truthfulness, and then ask men to go to it for consolation, is indeed offering to thirsting souls a mirage for the water of eternal life.

Narrow Escape for Exchange.

Worcester, December 20.—Fire early this morning at Uxbridge destroyed four business blocks. The loss is about \$110,000, and the insurance not over \$50,000. The buildings destroyed are the Taft block, Gunn block, Old Crossing block, and New Greening block. Goods were saved from the Taft block. Help arrived from Worcester and saved the town.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

James F. Fisher, alias James F. French, 34 years old, laborer from Malden, Mass., was arraigned in the Jefferson Market court on a charge of having robbed the safe of the Bartlett hotel at Haverhill, Mass., on the night of December 11. Fisher was employed as a waiter at the hotel. He disappeared on the night of December 11. The safe door was found open the following morning and \$50 was missing.

Wm. Lyman of Middlefield, Conn., died in New York Sunday. He was the inventor of the Lyman gun sight.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the safe at the Boston and Maine station at New York, N. H., some time Saturday night. Eight anarchists convicted of complicity in the bomb throwing at Barcelona in June last had been sentenced to death by the court martial before which they were tried.

The demonstration of joy at Havana over the death of Macco has not yet subsided. There was a large attended excursion Sunday from Havana to Punta Brava in honor of Major Otrujeda. Many speeches were made on the trip, predicting the speedy collapse of the rebellion.

A duel with revolvers occurred Saturday in Campalle county, Tenn., between L. Baird and Wm. Gaynor, two young men who for some time have been at odds, and who renewed the quarrel. Both were mortally wounded, dying within a short time.

The National bank of Illinois at Chicago, suspended Saturday.

A canvass of twenty-five furniture stores at Grand Rapids, Mich., show that since the Presidential election there has been a revival of business in all lines of furniture making in this city.

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SOUTH PORTLAND.

Beginning today the ferry boat Elizabeth City will run on the summer time table every twenty minutes during the week in order to accommodate the Christmas travel.

Port Preble now presents a very busy appearance. A large crew is employed heaving up the earth, moving buildings etc., besides another large crew which is at work on the Spring Point light-house.

A new sidewalk has been placed on Randall street, which leads by the new Bethany church.

Skating has been very fine during the week and the young people have availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the ponds in great numbers both after-noon and evening.

What is greatly needed more than anything else are public waiting rooms along the electric line on the South Portland side. These cold days are very disagreeable to wait outdoors and much dissatisfaction is daily expressed by the patrons. Bethany church will not be ready to hold meetings in until the first Sunday in January.

Further developments in the recent Knightville burglaries to go to show that not only the Lightbody drug store and the Matthews grain store, but the Willard Casino and Mr. Kenney's new house on Broadway were visited by burglars on the night of the late snow blizzard. Mr. Kenney's new house had just been plastered and Mr. Kenney had been in it to hasten the mortar drying. His house was assaulted, both front door and back, at eleven o'clock in the evening. The noise roused Mr. Kenney, who had just laid down for a nap, and when he shouted, "Who's there," the parties slunk away, evidently surprised to find the house occupied. Mr. Kenney got a good view of the fellows, and says there were three full grown men. They were dressed like respectable citizen instead of tramps. A similar looking trio had been observed hereabouts before, and in midnight depredations. Mr. Kenney's theory is that they were seeking tools at his place with which to do the breaking and entering elsewhere. Mr. Merrill, manager of the Casino, tells the PRESS correspondent that the building was entered by prying up a window. The company keep here several Gandy and Kent slot machines for chewing gum. One of these was smashed in pieces to get at the contents. The others were not molested. The authorities are striving themselves a little to detect the rascals, but it will doubtless all end in the old horse and stable door manner.

The house of John H. Johnson on Broadway, recently nearly destroyed by fire, has been made quite as good as new by the company where it was insured, and the Casco Loan association through which it was built.

Albeit the day was pleasant, there being a noticeable shrinkage in Sunday travel to the Casino yesterday, the church, containing few people. The churches, however, were well filled. Christmas sermons proved an extra attraction.

On Sunday, December 27th there will be a temperance rally at the People's church—a revival of the old Washington movement, at 2.30 p. m. The Rev. S. F. Pearson and G. H. Blake of Portland, will speak. This is non-political and undenominational temperance movement.

DEERING.

OPPOSE OF BOOKAMERCOOK FAIR.

Yesterday afternoon and evening witnessed the close of the fair and sale which has been conducted during the past week at Morrill's corner by Rockamerecook tribe No. 23, I. O. R. M. The attendance afternoon and evening was good and the sales of articles netted but the same amount as on the previous days. The supper last evening was well patronized, and at the entertainment which was commenced at 8 o'clock it was found that the fair was a success. The one act farce, "My Uncle the Captain," which was given on Tuesday evening, was repeated and was well received. At the close of the entertainment Mr. W. M. Leighton of the general committee announced the following named persons to act as a committee to decide the awards of prizes: Messrs. A. P. Stevens, Geo. W. Leighton, H. F. Goding, W. H. Jackson, Wm. M. Leighton, R. B. Smith, James Fickett.

The various contests for the articles used resulted as follows: Afghan, Mrs. Minnie Cobb and Mrs. Sumner Sweet, tied, no decision; oil painting, Mr. A. B. Scott, oil painting, Mr. E. A. Alden; two barrels of apples, R. L. Watkins; banquet lamp, Mrs. G. F. Grant; doll, Frank Cobb; perfume, Charles Jackson. The committee deserve credit for their efforts to make the fair a success.

The grand ball to be given by Rockamerecook tribe, No. 23, I. O. R. M., at Red Men's hall, Morrill's Corner this evening will commence at 8 o'clock. Arrangements have been made for a special car to leave Morrill's Corner at 11.30 to accommodate the Portland patrons of the ball.

Sons of Veterans.

It is very probable that the next encampment of the Maine Division of Sons of Veterans will be obliged to secure another place for holding the annual meeting. The camp at Norway which was to entertain the encampment will probably disband at an early date as so many of their members have gone away into new fields of labor which means such a reduction of the membership that they are unable to do the necessary work of preparing for the encampment as also the carrying on of the regular work of the camp. Orders for the Colonel will be issued at an early date requesting invitations from places desiring the next encampment.

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PORTLAND ATHLETIC CLUB.

Great Interest is Being Taken in the Bowling Tournament.

At the Portland Athletic club an interesting bowling tournament is in progress in which about fifty members of the club are taking part. When this tournament was first proposed it was found that there were many gentlemen who desired to participate in the tournament for the exercise it would afford them but many of these were not very skilled bowlers. It was decided to so arrange the teams that there should be an equal number of good, but indifferent bowlers on each, and this was accomplished, making all of the teams about of an equal strength.

The scheme of the tournament is as follows: Each of the ten teams bowls one evening with every other team and when this is done the four teams having made the highest gross total shall roll three strings each, the two teams of these who have made the highest score shall roll three strings each and the one with the largest gross score when this is done shall be declared the winner.

At the end of five evenings of bowling of each team the standing of the teams is as follows:

DESIGNATION OF TEAM.	TOTAL SCORE.
Team No. 1.	6736
Team No. 2.	6010
Team No. 3.	6042
Team No. 4.	6106
Team No. 5.	5954
Team No. 6.	5968
Team No. 7.	6089
Team No. 8.	6024
Team No. 9.	5811
Team No. 10.	5703

Great interest is being taken in this tournament by all of the club members and the sport of bowling has received a new impetus from it.

Two Men Bowling Tournament.

A two men team bowling tournament has been organized and the first game will be bowled Tuesday evening at Pine's alley. The teams as made up are: Pine and Higgins vs. Shaw and Solkey; Peterson and Woods vs. Enos and H. Smith; Merriweather and Frazier vs. Jones and Campbell; Hall and Hart vs. Dyer and Waite. The teams will bowl four strings for the preliminaries, and the four teams securing the highest average on the four strings of the preliminaries will be entitled to compete for the finals. The finals will be a two string contest, the two teams securing the highest average to receive the prizes which are to be offered.

THE POLO PLAYERS.

The Leaders of the League Are Again Winners.

Rockland, Me., December 19.—Rockland won from Lewiston this evening by a score of 6 to 2. The game was interesting throughout. The feature of the game was the work of C. Gay and Campbell. Fitzgerald, Lewiston's new half back, showed up well. Both goal tenders were kept constantly at work. The summary:

ROCKLANDS.	LEWISTONS.
Campbell first rush	C. Broadbent
C. Gay second rush	Jones
L. Jason center	Fitzgerald
Maynard half back	W. Broadbent
O'Malley goal	M. Broadbent

GOAL WON BY MIN. SEC.
1. Rockland, C. Gay, 7 8
2. Rockland, C. Gay, 9 43
3. Rockland, Campbell, 1 50
4. Rockland, C. Broadbent, 45
5. Lewiston, Campbell, 8 13
6. Lewiston, Campbell, 40
7. Rockland, Maynard, 40
8. Lewiston, C. Broadbent, 8 50

Score—Rockland, 6; Lewiston, 3. Steps in goal—H. Maynard, 25; W. Broadbent, 4; Rushes—Campbell, 3; C. Gay, 1; C. Broadbent, 5. Referee—Dr. C. T. Saul. Time keeper—A. H. Jones. Attendance—500.

Bath, 11; Augusta, 2.
Bath, December 19.—The Bath polo players defeated the Augusta team eleven to two.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Percent.
Rockland,	15	2	.883
Portland,	10	7	.588
Lewiston,	8	9	.470
Augusta,	5	12	.298
Bath,	4	13	.176

Polo at City Hall.

Tuesday evening the Lewistons will make their third appearance in this city. Since last here Fitzgerald at half back has been added to the team and his work has been of the highest order and has strengthened the team greatly. The Lewistons will fight hard to win.

At Chandler's the advance sale is increasing with every game. Seats are all ready on sale for the games with Lewiston Tuesday, Bath Thursday and Rockland Friday afternoon.

McKenney's Dresden clocks are very elegant in design; 50 different patterns to select from.

Harbor Notes.

The Laurentian of the Allan line arrived at Halifax yesterday and will probably reach here on Tuesday morning. When she arrives there will be five steamships in port.

Among the arrivals were the schooner M. A. Willey from Georgia with a cargo of hard pine for the elevator.

The fishing schooners J. M. Plummer, Lettie May, Cosmas, Emma Jane, A. W. Black, Amy Wixon, Martha D. McLane, Mary E. Hayes and J. S. Glover came in Saturday afternoon loaded with fish, and what is very unusual, loaded their fish into crates from the vessels and took it to the fish markets for sale.

Schooners Freddie Kendall sailed for Barbadoes with coopersage.

Off the Cape Saturday two three masted schooners were reported with sails torn as having been caught in a gale and that they put to sea again.

Capt. Trundy of the life saving station says he saw no vessels in such condition.

There was the usual rush of people to the Grand Trunk wharves yesterday. The arrival of the Manitoban attracted the bulk of the visitors.

The Grand Trunk was busy sending out trains. Five trains were dispatched beginning at 2.25 p. m. the 19 last, that train arriving at Montreal at 4.40 p. m. yesterday; the second dispatched at 6.25 a. m., the third left at 12.25 a. m., the 20th and arrived at 3.50 p. m.; the fourth leaving at 6.15 a. m. and should reach Montreal at 8.25 p. m.; the fifth left last evening. These trains were about nineteen cars each. Eight car loads of fish from the West arrived for the stock, preparatory to shipment.

The Dominion liner Vancouver, Capt. Humphrey Jones, arrived from Halifax about 7 o'clock Saturday morning. The vessel had a very rough passage, and from the time she left port until she reached Halifax.

We are not surprised that people will not take a new cough remedy, when they know the value of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

WASHED ASHORE.

Items of Interest Along the Water Front.

Captain Williams, commodore of the Dominion line fleet, is laid off temporarily on account of the collision between the Vancouver and a Beaver line steamer in the St. Lawrence a few months ago. The courts recently decided that the Vancouver was at fault for the collision. Captain Humphrey Jones is now in command of the Vancouver.

Among the fishing vessels which came in Saturday were: Schooners John M. Plummer, Lettie May, Cosmas, Emma Jane, Albert W. Black, Amy Wixon, Martha D. McLane, Mary Egan, J. S. Glover.

The schooner Fred A. Small sailed for Barbadoes Saturday morning with a cargo of coopersage.

The schooner A. W. Ellis is on her way from Kingston to this port.

The schooner Paul Seavey is bound from Baltimore to Portland with a cargo of coal.

The schooner Addie Charleson, Capt. Smith, is reported at Port Spain on December 11.

The Moore & Wright Dredging company are loading the Maine Steamship company's dock, in anticipation of the arrival of the John Engle.

The big steamer Sootaman of the Dominion line sailed from Liverpool Thursday for this port.

The schooner O. D. Witherell is at Randall & McAllister's wharf discharging a cargo of coal.

The schooner Anna E. J. Morse finished discharging at Randall & McAllister's Saturday morning. She has stumps of iron put on along the light-water line to keep the ice from cutting her bottom, after which she will be taken up through the two bridges to Clark's ice house where a cargo of ice will be taken for New York.

A large crew of men were at work on the Spring Point lighthouse Saturday. The work is being pushed along rapidly.

The schooner Lettie May sailed Saturday on a fishing trip.

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A FIRE BUG IS AMONG US.

A Third Incendiary Hall Way Fire Was Discovered Saturday Morning.

At a little before 7 o'clock Saturday morning an incendiary fire was discovered in the hallway on the second floor, between Wefertling's restaurant and Rodick's barber shop at 60 1/2 Congress street. Mr. Rodick went to his shop early and when he started up the stairway he noticed a light in a closet at the head of the stairs. Running up he opened the door and found a blaze rapidly gaining headway. The fire was on a shelf about as high as a man's head. On this shelf were several rolls of room paper. These had been pulled apart and set on fire. The woodwork at the top of the closet and the door casing were smoking, but had not yet burst into a blaze. Mr. Rodick pulled the paper down and was able to extinguish the fire without calling on the fire department. No damage to speak of had been done but it was a narrow escape. Ten minutes more and a fierce blaze would have been in progress.

This is the third hall way fire this week and the origin of all three of them is somewhat obscure. Many people think the other two were set, as well as the one which was discovered in time Saturday morning. Saturday morning's fire was evidently set at about the same time as the one on Middle street. Have we a fire bug among us? The police are keeping a sharp lookout and if any person is guilty he will be caught sooner or later, unless he stops operations at once.

Resolutions of Respect.
The Union Safe Deposit & Trust Company has adopted the following resolutions:

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And whereas, he readily accepted the position, and has since shown his deep interest by a frequent examination and inquiry into the business relations of the company, and has always given such counsel and aid as his eminent abilities command; in consideration of his services as a member of the Board, and in view of his honorable life which has shown so much ability and spread such lustre upon the religious, educational, business, social and political institutions of our State, in common with all fellow citizens of our Commonwealth, as members of this Board, we desire to publicly express our high estimation of his pure and unselfish character, and we do hereby declare the loss so great a man, which so seriously affects the material and other interests of our State;

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Xmas Poultry.

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THE PRESS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Senator McEnery of Louisiana, who was chosen last summer to succeed Senator Blinnard, has come out flat-footed for protection. He says he will throw no obstacle in the way of the Republicans in tariff legislation in the next Senate. Senator McEnery has been for twenty years the leader of Louisiana Democracy and the greatest power in Louisiana politics, and heretofore has been known as a free trader.

There is, undoubtedly, a large body of people in this country who would not object to a brush with Spain. Some of them are influenced by a feeling that it would help business. Especially is this the case with the unemployed. They think that war would make more opportunities for labor. Then there are speculators who see in war opportunities for large profits. There are others who think that the liberation of Cuba from the dominion of Spain would give us some important commercial advantages. There are some, too, perhaps, who believe that we owe it to humanity to stop the destruction of property and the destruction of human life that is going on in the island. All these classes added together make a large and influential body. They evidently have a great many representatives of their views upon the floor of Congress. They are effusive and demonstrative and are constantly at work to involve us in war. They are getting a good deal of aid from people who really do not sympathize with their purpose, who in fact are hostile to it, through the resolutions of sympathy with Cuba that are being adopted all over the land by various bodies of men, who think no harm can come from a mere expression of philanthropic sentiment. But every one of these expressions is used as evidence to support the claim of the agitators that the people want our government to interfere. There are plenty of signs that the country is gradually drifting toward war. If that is what the people want they have only to remain passive and war will come. If they do not want it they had better let it be known now before it is too late. The people can stop this Cuban war talk just as quickly and completely as they stopped the Venezuelan war talk of a year ago if they are disposed to. The average congressman when he finds out what his constituents want is pretty sure to try to give it to them. If he finds that they want him to stop talking war he will stop.

Secretary Olney tells Congress in very plain English that in his opinion and doubtless in that of the President too the recognition of Cuban independence or belligerency is a purely executive function with which Congress has nothing to do; and he gives Congress to understand that even if the resolution just reported by the Senate committee on foreign affairs reaches the President, the President would pay no attention to it. It is certainly very extraordinary for a Cabinet officer to lecture Congress as the Secretary does in his statement; it is a proceeding bold, even to the point of audacity. It shows less respect for the law making power of the land than is due from a number of a co-ordinate branch of the government, and on that ground there is plenty of room for criticism of it, irrespective of whether the view it takes of the power of Congress is the correct one or not. If such a pronouncement were called for that it should have come in some different form from that of a statement in a newspaper. If the President deemed it important that Congress should know his position in the matter he should have communicated it directly to Congress. The method selected is unqualified. It will tend to irritate Congress, and it would not be strange if it should induce some Senators and Representatives to support the resolution who are opposed to it on its merits. As regards the doctrine that Secretary Olney lays down there will undoubtedly be sharp difference of opinion. The question has never arisen before and there are no decisions bearing directly on the case. It is asserted, however, that certain decisions of the Supreme Court

tend strongly to support Secretary Olney's view. Doubtless we shall have the question aired in the Senate shortly, and sooner or later know all there is to know about it. It is obvious that if the President sticks to his intention of ignoring the resolution even if passed by Congress, the resolution can be made effective only by his impeachment and removal from office.

The language of the Senate committee's Cuban resolution implies the existence of something which is a matter of fact is not in being. To recognize a thing is to acknowledge its existence. Recognition is not a creative power. It does not call into being what was not there before. To acknowledge the existence of a thing which does not exist is either self-deception or an attempt to deceive others. But this is just what has been done in the Senate resolution. There is no entity in existence entitled to be called the Republic of Cuba. All authority in the island of Cuba today is exercised either by the Spanish monarchy or by rebel soldiers. There is no civil government of any kind in the island which can lay the slightest claim to being obeyed or respected by the people. We believe there is somewhere in the island a person who is called a President, but there is no evidence, whatever, that he exercises any control or authority. There is no legislative body and no executive head deriving authority from the people or responsible to the people, and if the Spaniards should abandon the island tomorrow nobody can say whether the government that would spring up would be a republic or a military despotism. This being the case it is manifestly absurd to acknowledge the existence of a Republic of Cuba. There is no such thing. Yet the language of this resolution was not, we imagine, due to any misapprehension about the fact. It is not at all probable that any member of the committee believed that there was anything in existence entitled to be called the Republic of Cuba. What the committee really intended to do was to notify Spain that this government had ceased to recognize her dominion in the island. It selected an indirect instead of a direct way partly, perhaps, because the former was more diplomatic, and partly, perhaps from the instinctive tendency of men who are facing a grave responsibility to draw back a little. Senator Mills' resolution ordering our government to take military possession of Cuba, and hold it until a government had been formed able to preserve order would probably more clearly express the purpose and intent of the Jingoism than the resolution that has been adopted.

AT WASHINGTON.
Some Strange Claims Which Congressmen Hear.

A Confederate General's Wife Asks Damages—Lawmakers Going Home for Christmas.

[SPECIAL TO THE PRESS.]
Washington, December 19.—Once a week under the rules the House devotes itself to the consideration of bills for the benefit of private individuals. On Friday afternoon private claims are considered, and Friday evening bills to pension veterans who feel that they cannot get their dues under the general pension law. The pension bills are read in liberal numbers, sometimes 30 an evening. But the claim bills do not fare so well. So many claims are down right frauds that the Congressmen have grown suspicious of all claims. This, of course, is bad for the honest claimants, who have to suffer for the bad ones. Usually there is debate or obstruction enough during Friday afternoon to prevent action on more than three or four claims.

Some curious claims come before the House on private bill day. One of them is the case of Mrs. Flora Adams Darling. Mrs. Darling was a native of New Hampshire. In 1859 she married Edward L. Darling, and removed to New Orleans. When the war broke out Mr. Darling enlisted in the Confederate army, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant-general. Mrs. Darling came home to New Hampshire, but when her husband was wounded she went to him, passing the Union lines under a flag of truce. Her husband died at Dalton, Ga., in 1863, and after that event she started north by way of Mobile. She alleges that when she entered the Federal lines on her way home she had in her trunk \$10,000 in Confederate cotton bonds, and \$5000 in the notes of the State banks of Louisiana and Tennessee. She was passing the Federal lines under a flag of truce; but during the process was arrested as a spy and her baggage was searched. During this search, she alleges, the cotton bonds were destroyed. The cotton bonds eventually would have turned out worthless; but the state bank money is said to have always been worth par, during and after the war. So Mrs. Darling asks the government to repay her the \$5000. The report of claims has made a report on the case, favorable to Mrs. Darling, but the House has not yet acted on it. The case of the report of the court was picked up in a vital part. It was found that Mrs. Darling had not proved legally that such valuable were in the trunk at the time it was searched by the Federal officials. Therefore Mrs. Darling's claim might be all right and it might not. The Democrats, under the lead of the Southern men, quite generally supported the bill; but the Republicans defeated it.

A bill for the relief of Mathias Pederson provoked an interesting debate. Pederson was drafted during war time and paid \$200 for a substitute. Now he comes forward and says he was not at that time naturalized, and therefore was wrongfully drafted. So he wants the government to give him back his \$200. The House debated the bill a long time. It was developed that many who paid for substitutes are now finding that they were, when drafted, physically incapable of service, and therefore ask the government to repay the amounts paid for substitutes. But the older leaders of the House expressed strongly the policy that ought to be settled, and that it was not a good idea to go back and reopen the claims of thirty years ago. Pederson has since been naturalized, and has enjoyed the privileges of this government; and he ought not now to demand back what he paid for the government. Also it was found that a law passed in 1867 gave those illegally drafted an opportunity to put in claims for compensation; and that now such claims are barred by limitation. Notwithstanding this the committee of the whole favorably recommended the bill, and it will come up for final vote after the holidays. However, it is likely to be defeated in the House.

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Susie Kirwin.

Susie Kirwin and her opera company will be at Portland theatre all this week. The admirers of Miss Susie Kirwin, and she has scores of them—will be glad to know that their bright little favorite will return to them this season. Miss Kirwin claims she cannot live without the plaudits of the public. "Give me my dear stage," she says, "and I am happy." She will return to this city, where she has always been a strong favorite, in royal style at the head of her own organization, The Susie Kirwin Opera Company, managed by her former patron, A. L. Wilbur of the famous Wilbur Opera Company. The clever lady has so many brilliant qualities that it is difficult to say in what particular role she will achieve the greater success. She is enthusiastic over all, and who would not be proud of a repertoire that will include the dainty Mignon, The Queen's Lace Handkerchief, Madame Favart, and Elzer's wonderful creation, the fascinating, ill-fated Carmen! Her dramatic and vocal versatility will have wide scope. Besides all the study these difficult roles involve, she has taken upon herself the personal supervision of every detail of costume, scenery, and the all important question of selecting a suitable company. With remarkable tact, she has accomplished all these things, and when the curtain rises, it will be on a perfect production, from the petit star, to the smallest detail of stage management, including as it will a fine company, beautiful scenery, truly gorgeous costumes, large and competent chorus and all other accessories which Miss Kirwin's fertile imagination may suggest. Popular prices will be the rule for the week, and the repertoire will be as follows:

Monday evening, Mme. Favart; Tuesday, matinee and evening, Mignon; Wednesday, matinee and evening, Carmen; Thursday, matinee, Mignon, evening, The Queen's Lace Handkerchief; Friday, matinee and evening, Two Vagabonds; Saturday, matinee, Carmen; evening, Mme. Favart.

Albani.

The Eljiah performance at the recent October Bristol Musical Festival, called for the following praise for the Canadian prima donna, Madame Albani, who took therein the leading part: Madame Albani, was in her usual good health and genial spirits, and sang the famous solo, "Hear ye Israel," with her well-known hearty voice, style and fervor, which invested the number with additional charm. How thoroughly she appreciates and feels the quality and nature of Mendelssohn's music, was shown by the zeal she displayed in everything she accomplished, whether an important solo, such as that with which the second part of the oratorio opens, or connected recitatives and phrases. It is thus the true musician maintains her supremacy in the realm of art.

Madame Albani will appear in this city at City Hall on December 23d, supported by a strong company and the tickets are on sale at Stockbridge's.

Robert Mantell.

It was the late John McCullough who first offered Robert Mantell an American engagement. Mr. McCullough saw Mantell while he was playing at the Surrey theatre in London, and was so well pleased with his work, that he offered him \$100 a week to support him in this country. Although this was just four times as much as Mr. Mantell was getting, he was under contract for the following season. Mr. Mantell will be at Portland theatre, December 28 and 29. St. Lawrence Aid Course.

Tickets should be secured at Stockbridge's for the third entertainment to be given in the St. Lawrence Ladies' Aid course, at City hall on Friday night. It will be an English ballad concert at which Miss S. Martha Crafts, the young soprano who is now singing at Congress Square church, Miss Philbrook, one of the best pianists in the country and the Altona Male Quartette will take part.

Madam Lillian.

The announcement that Madam Lillian Nordica foremost of the world's dramatic sopranos has included this city in the list of places in which she will appear during her coming tour must be received with delight by all lovers of the which is best and noblest in music. No singer with the possible exception of Adelina Patti has struck so affectionate and responsive chords in the hearts of Americans, as has this beautiful woman and great artist. The fact is now almost generally conceded that she is practically without a rival in the world's dramatic soprano.

When it is remembered that she is an American girl, the fact is all the more interesting. At the last Brevett festival Madam Nordica defeated the German prima donna with whom she came a competition. During her present tour which is very limited, she will be heard in operatic concerts, surrounded by the very best company of operatic soloists available. She will be heard at Portland theatre December 30th.

Old Lavender.

Old Lavender, Mr. Edward Harrigan's most successful play, will be produced at the City hall this evening. Old Lavender is Mr. Harrigan's greatest creation. Other types of fertile imagination, such as Dan Mulligan, the rollicking good hearted Irishman, and the dandy, the dandy, the dandy, together with the demented temper tossed Italian sailor, Joe Cornello, and many others that we cannot call to mind at present, but all so human and true to nature as conceived and embodied on the stage by Mr. Edward Harrigan—all of these characters must bow to his masterpiece, Old Lavender. Mr. Harrigan has surrounded himself with an excellent company of players among whom are Dave Graham, Jr., Harry Fisher, George Merritt, John Moore, James Cassidy, Jane Busby, Joseph Williamson, Michael Kearney and Charles Coffey. Tickets at Chandler's Music Store.

Notes.
Miss Bertha Galland appeared at the matinee and evening performance at Portland theatre Saturday to small audience. In the evening a scene from Othello was given in addition to the other features of the programme, and Miss Galland played as Desdemona, while the Othello and Iago were very well assumed.

FAITH CURE.

Rev. J. B. Shepherd at St. Paul's Church Yesterday.

Rev. J. B. Shepherd preached at St. Paul's yesterday on the Faith cure from Ecclesiastes XXXVIII, 1. "Honor a physician with the honor due unto him, for the use which ye may have of him, for the Lord hath created him."

After a general introduction in which many interesting anecdotal illustrations were made the speaker said:

(1). We can be absolutely sure "that subjective mental states such as the concentration of the attention upon a part of the body with or without belief, can produce effects either of the nature of disease or cure."

(2). "The credulity of persons not acquainted with these laws but willing to be experimented upon, is often more favorable to sudden effects, than were stupid acquiescence."

(3). "All schools of the Faith cure have their limitations as to the diseases favorable to sudden cure, and injuries they cannot repair."

These facts are perfectly familiar to experts, medical and otherwise, but are not generally known to the public.

But the most specious and astounding claim of the advocates of the Faith cure is to be found in the statement that they possess the same power as Christ and His apostles.

There certainly is one marked difference between these people and Christ. The record says, "he healed all manner of diseases and all manner of sickness."

"The miracles of Christ were done for a specific purpose. Indirectly the fulfillment of prophecy was met by these. Directly considered they are proof of the divinity of Christ. Many of these people have turned their backs on the church and have no use for it in the world."

Moreover, while claiming to possess the Christly power, they do what Christ and the apostles never did, they receive money for their cures. It is one of the lamentations of the advocates of the Faith cure that the strongest opponents of the movement are to be found in the churches. It is undoubtedly true. The reason is apparent. The church has no right to claim what she does not possess, and what she never did possess in a large measure, so far as numbers are concerned. The mistake the advocates of the Faith cure make is losing sight of the fact that the church of God was not established on earth primarily to bless people's bodies, but their souls. The most stupendous miracle of all time is the influence of the church in this age on the lives and hearts of men. To cure the diseases that afflict men is a noble and blessed work. The hospitals and asylums found everywhere in the civilized world, are the result of the influence of the church. These things do not exist where the gospel has not been preached. Sickness and disease are still facts in this world. It is foolish to ignore them. The physicians have his place and work among men, and we honor God when we honor him, "for the Lord hath created him."

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WESTBROOK.

The following officers were elected by the Calanthe Assembly, P. S. Saturday evening: P. C., Mrs. E. L. Lord; C. C., Mrs. Hattie Winslow; V. C., Mrs. Nathaniel Hatch; chaplain, Mrs. J. Haven Phinney; M. at A., Mrs. E. A. Durell; A. M. at A., Mrs. Charles Sylvester; M. of E. Mrs. Henry Conness; M. of F. Mrs. Woodside; I. G., Miss Sanborn; trustees for three years, Mrs. P. S. Graham; organist, Mrs. G. F. Murch; representative to Grand Lodge, Mrs. A. C. Chute; alternate—Mrs. C. Fred Brown.

Mr. Roy Spear, the 14 year old son of J. F. Spear, met with a painful accident Saturday afternoon. He with two other young boys were playing with a toy cannon. They put in a double charge and then retreated to watch the effect. Through some means the cannon exploded, hit one of the boys in the shoulder and glanced off taking young Spear over the right eye, inflicting a deep gash. It was necessary for the attending physician to take four stitches in dressing the wound.

Mr. Edward Clements was badly burned about the face and arms while at work at the paper mills Saturday afternoon. He was repairing a belt in a dark room and had a lamp with him. A cotton apron that was about him came into contact with the flame of the lamp and burst into flames. The apron was saturated with oil and was so inflammable that Mr. Clements was badly burned before he could extinguish it.

Mr. Wm. J. Snow secured a satisfactory settlement with the Portland & Rochester railroad the past week for injuries received at the Spring street crossing last fall.

The recruiting officers for the proposed company of the National Guards report much interest in the matter among the young men of the city and a large list of those wishing to enlist has been secured. The company will be organized Monday evening at the armory in the Forest street grammar school building.

Wm. H. Jones died at his home on Brown street yesterday morning of Bright's disease, at the age of 46 years. He was born in England, and was at one time a soldier in the English army. He has been a resident of this city for the past sixteen years, and was employed for a number of years at the paper mills. A wife and two children survive him. He was a member of the local order of Foresters. The funeral will be held at the St. Hyacinth church at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning.

John, the eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Holm of Maple street, died suddenly Sunday morning of diphtheria.

Yesterday was observed as Peace Sunday at the Universalist church. The pastor's subject at the morning service was Peace. He dealt largely with national affairs. He recited the present administration for what he termed the unnecessary expenditure of public money in the military departments.

A search and seizure was made by the city marshal on Bridge street, yesterday morning.

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First Parish Church.

The First Parish Christmas service was held yesterday. The church was prettily dressed with evergreen, and Mr. Perkins' sermon, morning and evening, related to the Messiah and the lessons of his birth. The service was by the First Parish quartette, Mrs. White, Miss Rice, Messrs. Barnard and Pierce with Mr. Kotschmar at the organ, was fine. This was the program for the morning service: Anthem—In the Beginning was the Word; Cress Frank Anthem—Thanksgiving; Kotschmar Pastoral Symphony—Messiah.

In the evening these anthems were sung: Anthem—I Feel Thy Presence, (The American Prize Anthem); Anthem—Oh Be Joyful, Fairland Anthem—As Moses Lifted Up the Servant, Fred Gostelow

SUICIDE AT HOLLISS.

Danforth Newcomb a Well Known Citizen Drowns Himself.

Mr. Danforth Newcomb, a well known farmer of Hollis, committed suicide yesterday. Mr. Newcomb had been out of health for two years, and a great sufferer. Yesterday the family went to church leaving him at home. When they returned they missed him, and his son finally found him lying on his face, in the watering trough, where the cattle were watered, with his hands fastened behind his back. He had been dead for some time.

Mr. Newcomb was sixty-two years of age. He was a farmer, and at one time was the foreman for Cummings' cannery factory in Hollis. He was a fine man, and greatly respected. About forty years ago he experienced religion and always lived up to his beliefs. He leaves a wife and one son, a brother, Mr. Caleb Newcomb of the Portland police force, and a half brother and sister, Mr. Stillman Drer of Bar Mills, and Mrs. Harmon of Springville.

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Washingtonian Meeting.

As might be expected many were unable to get into Gospel Mission hall last evening. Whole rows of men stood through the long two hours unable to get seats. Rev. S. F. Pearson opened the meeting with appropriate Scripture reading and prayer.

Captain George H. Blake was the first speaker. He began by speaking of the early battles of the war when our forces were repeatedly driven back by Lee, and finally Grant by masterly flank movements defeated the rebel commander. So with the Washingtonian movement, it is the flank movement that will defeat the liquor sellers. Heretofore we have used weapons of harshness and bitterness, now we shall use the weapons of love and kindness. He spoke of the power of collected individual efforts and said that it was proposed to arouse the dormant public to side with them in the cause. Mr. Blake held his audience most completely. It was a telling speech.

Rev. S. F. Pearson followed Captain Blake and made a most interesting address. A large number signed the pledge.

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The Theosophists.

The regular meeting of the Portland Theosophical society was held last evening at its hall, 54 1/2 Congress street. A paper was read on "Theosophy, the Essence of Christianity." This followed a general discussion, principally on prayer. Next Sunday the subject will be "The Inner Meaning of the Christian Festival."

St. Lawrence St. Church.

The Christmas exercises at St. Lawrence street church yesterday were highly enjoyed by the large congregations. The musical programme printed in the PRESS Saturday was fully carried out, and Mr. Wright's morning sermon and his Christmas story in the evening were much enjoyed.

New Music.

We have received from Ira C. Stockbridge "If I Only Could Eiot Out the Past," words and music by Gussie L. Davies; "When the City Sleeps," words and music by Edgar Seiden; "My Tom," words and music by Henry S. Jones; "Shadows on the Hearth," words by Charles H. Robinson, music by Walter A. Phillips.

Opera glasses are a very useful and lasting present. McKenney would be pleased to show you 100 pair of his own importation.

MARRIAGES.

In Bar Harbor, Dec. 13, Nelson E. Hopkins and Minnie L. Hoy, both of Eden. In Stow, Dec. 12, Geo. W. Emery of Stow and Mrs. Mary A. Farrington of Fryeburg. In Brewer, Dec. 12, Fred C. Vickery of Hampden and Miss Hattie E. Higgins of Brewer. In Milo, Dec. 12, Clarence H. Stanfield and Miss Mae Mitchell. In Sandy Point, Dec. 12, Gilbert Granville and Miss Maud May Shute, both of Stockton Springs. In East Wilton, Dec. 12, Eben Merchant of Wilton and Miss Emma Mersa of Camden. In Sedgewick, Dec. 12, Fred R. Ford of Sedgewick and Miss Carrie E. Wescott of Brooksfield. In Rumford Falls, Dec. 12, J. Clarence Baker of Sumner and Eva L. Howe of Hanover. In Stow, Dec. 12, by Rev. B. N. Stow, Geo. W. Emery of Stow and Mrs. Mary A. Farrington of Fryeburg. In Hallowell, Dec. 10, Wm. H. Smith of Augusta and Miss Harriet L. Bacon. In South Orlington, Dec. 9, J. Abbott of Verona and Mrs. Laura F. Lowell of Orlington. In Guilford, Dec. 9, Arthur Larrabee and Miss Minnie McFeters.

DEATHS.

In this city, Dec. 19th, Florence Maraget, infant child of William H. and Bessie M. Crockett, aged 7 weeks. Funeral services Sunday at 2 p.m. from Parents residence, 16 St. Lawrence St.

In this city, Dec. 20, John D. son of Thomas and the late Rose McMahon, aged 23 years. (Funeral Tuesday morning at 8.30 o'clock from No. 20 South street. [Both papers copy.] Requiem high mass at St. Dominic church at 9 o'clock.

In this city, Dec. 19th, Michael James, son of John and Celia McCue, aged 20 years, 6 months. Funeral Monday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock from No. 15 Commercial St. Services at the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 2 o'clock.

In Pleasantdale, Dec. 18, Helen F., wife of Storer Dyer, aged 68 years. Funeral this afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence Summer St.

In Brewer, Dec. 13, Mrs. James J. Long, aged 37 years. In Brewer, Dec. 13, Capt. Nathl' W. Bartlett, aged 63 years. In Appleton, Dec. 10, Mrs. Margaret Gordon, aged 79 years. In Eden, Dec. 10, Mrs. Mary Liscomb Pease, aged 86 years. In Sedgewick, Dec. 12, Capt. Groves Parker. In Silsby, Dec. 13, Timothy Finn, aged 75 years. In Dedham, Dec. 13, Mrs. Abra W. Conden, aged 80 years. In Franklin, Dec. 14, Edward Wilbur, aged 28 years. In Rockport, Dec. 11, Lincoln Waldo, aged 43 years. In North Vassalboro, Dec. 12, Benj. Lounne, aged 67 years. At Cape Roxie, Dec. 12, Chiricrus Gray, aged about 20 years. In Pittsfield, Dec. 11, Mrs. L. E. Graves, aged 23 years. In Norridgewock, Dec. 6, Mrs. Samuel Handy, aged 89 years. In Sedgewick, Dec. 6, David J. Allen, aged 63 years. In Kennebunkport, Dec. 6, Miss Hannah Downing, aged 98 years.

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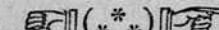
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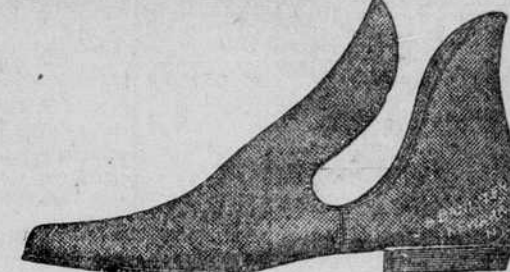
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RIFLE PRACTICE.

Col. Farrington's Report on the 1st Regiment.

Col. E. C. Farrington, inspector-general of rifle practice, has just made his annual report. In it he says:

The figure of merit, or the per cent of qualification as marksmen in 1895, was 70.40 and the standing, or efficiency as riflemen, was 1.93. The figure of merit at the close of the season of 1896, was 82.63 and the standing, 2.92.

This gain has largely been made by the remarkable increase in the Second Regiment, which has qualified 95.59 per cent of its marksmen and secured a standing of 3.10. Seven of the eleven companies have qualified every member of their companies, and in the whole regiment there were only seven men that failed to qualify who practiced, and but nineteen having no practice.

The First Regiment made a small gain over 1895. However, great the interest and efforts of most of the companies in the regiment, to secure regimental strength in rifle practice, there continues to be a number of companies which fail to make a reasonable advancement in this respect. The work of the First Regiment is summarized as follows:

No. of Men.	Compny.	Figure of Merit.	Standing.
51	A, Portland.	88.23	2.49
52	B, Portland.	69.49	2.42
53	C, Auburn.	80.48	2.56
54	D, Norway.	100.00	3.77
55	E, Portland.	82.92	2.87
56	F, Augusta.	73.07	3.03
57	G, Biddeford.	60.00	2.01
58	H, Rockland.	98.13	1.62
59	I, Lewiston.	91.12	1.65
60	K, Brunswick.	95.02	3.89
61	L, Portland.	47.16	1.23
570		68.59	2.15

Concerning the work of the Portland companies Col. Farrington says:

Company A (Light Infantry). This company considering the circumstances has made a fine record this year. Its officers have taken a commendable interest in the work, and by their earnest efforts, and the company inspector of rifle practice, Sgt. Higgins has qualified 88.23 per cent of its company, against 84.44 in 1895. The future promises well for a strong company of marksmen.

Company B (Gadsds). This company has made a slight gain and although its eleven members have done no practice, its per cent of marksmen is above the average in the regiment. Continual improvement can be safely predicted.

Company E (Montgomery Guards). This company has made a gain in marksmen but its weak condition is apparent and its carrying 40 per cent of its men without any practice whatever cannot but give it a low place as a military organization.

Company L (Shepherd Rifles). This company did slightly better than last season, but its condition is anything but satisfactory. Every effort has been made to interest the company, but many of its men are indifferent to the work necessary to become efficient soldiers. I cannot see much hope of gain in this command. It being a young company of active young men, there has been an expectation of seeing the company take a high rank as marksmen. I hope I may mistake as to its future in this regard.

In connection with the question of making marksmen in the companies in the city of Portland, it is urged that the range facilities are not what they should be to accommodate the four companies. There is some force in this claim, but that is not the reason why a better standing is not secured by some of the companies mentioned.

The city has provided excellently for the care of the companies in Portland, and with this encouragement, the possibility of a new range, Companies E and L ought to be depended upon to make a better advancement.

Souvenirs at the Crystal Maze.

The management of the Crystal Maze will give to each lady visitor who comes, free, a handsome silver souvenir, the value of which will exceed the small price of admission charged for visiting the maze. These souvenirs are the same as have been presented to the visitors in Boston and how well they were appreciated is shown by the fact that 19 guests were given out one week. We are pleased that more than that will have to be given in Portland if the ladies once know what beautiful and useful articles they get. This is the last week of the Crystal Maze.

The New City Charter.

The new city charter on which Messrs. Willard T. Chapman, the city solicitor, Charles F. Libby and E. H. Winslow have been at work for four months past is now ready for presentation to the city government for approval. Three hundred copies of the proposed charter have been printed and as soon as Hon. E. B. Winslow, who is on his way home from the South, reaches Portland, in all probability, the charter will be presented at a special meeting of the city government which will be held on Monday or Tuesday evening. Many stories are in circulation as to the radical changes proposed by this new charter but some of these stories are anticipated and no one outside of the printer and the three gentlemen who have prepared the charter know just what it contains.

McKenney's alarm clocks are waking up the town; 200 to select from.

Home for Friendless Boys.

There are at present ten boys being cared for at the Home for Friendless Boys in Deering. The lady managers wish to make arrangements for a tree for the little ones on Christmas evening, but do not feel they can conscientiously spend for toys, books and confectionery, money which may be sent for the support of the Home. They feel that things would add greatly to the happiness of these poor boys. Those who find it in their hearts to add to the sum it good cheer at the Home for Friendless Boys, or the above mentioned, may feel assured they will be most acceptable.

The Death Rate.

There were 15 deaths in Portland during the week which ended Saturday noon. The deaths were due to the following causes: Consumption (4), diphtheria (4), senile gangrene, gastric ulcer, necrosis of the liver, paralysis (2), phthisis (3), pneumonia.

TESTIMONIALS.

From Citizens of Pennsylvania Who Have Been Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. W. W. Spillen, drug clerk, with J. W. McConnell, Paranasus, Pa., says: "I was out all one night last winter and contracted a severe cold. I was so hoarse for a week I could hardly speak. Knowing how well customers of our store spoke of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I concluded to try it. One-half of a bottle cured me entirely."

J. A. Van Velsch, Hughesville, Pa., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been proven so valuable that I do not hesitate to recommend it to any one."

Dr. F. Winger, Ephrata, Pa., says: "Mr. J. D. Kline, a cigar maker of this place, reports a complete cure of his cough with a 50 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after he had tried other drugs and failed." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle at H. P. S. Gould's drug store, 577 Congress St., under Congress Square. Sold also by K. S. Raymond, Cumberland Mills.

SCARBORO BURGLARS.

Brake Into Several Places But Got Little.

Burglars broke into Scarboro's store and the post office in Scarboro Friday night and secured \$40 worth of stamps, \$3 or \$3 in money and about \$20 worth of goods, such as razors, boots and shoes. A hole was cut in the glass of the door and the bar which secured the door removed. Knight's store, near by, was also broken open, and the safe blown, but the burglars did not succeed in opening it, though the door was bulged out by the explosion. In the store the burglars secured an overcoat, 50 cents in copper and a pair of boots. The West Scarboro railroad station was next entered and tickets scattered about the floor, but nothing taken. C. H. Milliken's packing shop was also visited, where the burglars headed themselves with goods enough to satisfy their appetites. The thaw and rain of Friday night softened up the surface of the ground so that the burglars left little doubt of tracks about the scene of their operations. These tracks showed that there were four men in the party and that they came from Portland and returned after their operation. A lady who lives near Knight's store, saw a man with a light in his hand go into the store during the night, but thinking that he was Mr. Knight, gave no alarm. There is no clue to the burglars.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Ellen Pike Bigelow.

The following, which was printed in the New Haven, Conn., Union, will be read with deep regret by a great many Portland people. Mrs. Bigelow was Miss Ellen E. Pike, daughter of the late Charles Pike, of this city, and had a great many warm personal friends here. The Union says:

The news of the death of Mrs. Ellen E. Pike Bigelow, wife of Charles Bigelow, will be received with sincere regret by the many friends and acquaintances of this most estimable woman. Mrs. Bigelow was born in Maine, and for the past eight years has resided in New Haven, where her husband is a prominent member of the local church.

For some time previous to her death, Mrs. Bigelow had been an invalid, and a great sufferer, but she bore all her ills with extraordinary patience and Christian resignation, and until the last she maintained a cheerful interest in everything that could make others happy. Although always active better in mind, and of Humphrey street Congregational church, with which she was associated, her private charities were almost innumerable. She was a leader in her quiet way, very unostentatiously did she relieve the poor, and in her taking away many poor persons have lost a true benefactor. Besides her husband, one brother and two sisters, she leaves a niece, to whom she was all a mother could be, and this family have indeed met with an irreparable loss. Tomorrow at 9 o'clock the funeral will occur from her late residence, 477 Orange street. Rev. Mr. L. L. Lacey will officiate. The interment will be in Worcester, Mass.

Lively Work at Tukey's Bridge.

Work on Tukey's bridge is progressing rapidly. The contractor who is building the new bridge went to work in the right manner by first getting on the ground all the material that was to be used in the work and then when everything was in readiness, the big crew went to work. Two pieces of the bridge have now been built and the piling is being driven for the foundation of the third pier. A large dredging machine is at work dredging for the other piers and everything is being rushed along after the most approved manner. The temporary bridge around the new structure is a fine piece of work and travel goes on uninterrupted while the bridge is building.

Christmas Outlook at the Post Office.

That Christmas is fairly upon us is nowhere better appreciated than it is at the Portland post office where the constantly increasing mail foretells the coming wave of the holiday rush. Christmas, while it brings joy to the hearts of nearly everyone else in the city is not looked upon with favor or anticipated with pleasure by the employees of Uncle Sam's postal service.

Chief Clerk Mitchell of the Railway Mail Service is well prepared to meet the great holiday rush and has issued orders for the running of double crews of all mail trains during the coming week. He does not believe the holiday mail will be as large this season as it has been in years before but it is a little bit of joy to tell just how great the rush will be.

WIT AND WISDOM.

All Seasons For Its Own.

"Ice is an awfully ruinous thing," sighed Cholly. "In winter whole towns are bankrupted by ice coaches, and in the summer the young men are bankrupted by ice cream gorges."—Chicago Tribune.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Relief Association P. F. D.

The annual entertainment and ball of the Relief Association, P. F. D., which occurs at City Hall, New Year's evening, should draw out a big attendance as a programme of unusual excellence is to be provided in addition to a choice order of dances. The cause is a most worthy one and our citizens should patronize liberally. The entertainment will be of a vandyke and novelty nature and will be given by first class talent.

Postal Clerk Ellis' Accident.

John H. Ellis of Augusta, formerly a well known conductor on the Maine Central, but now a postal clerk running from Bangor to Boston, met with a painful accident at his home Saturday. Mr. Ellis slipped on the icy sidewalk and in falling broke the bones of both legs below the knee. His many friends in this city will be pained to learn of Mr. Ellis' misfortune.

Arrests For the Week.

Fifty-five arrests were made by the police last week from the following causes: Intoxication (42), search and seizure in and out of each for larceny from person, disturbing a religious meeting, truancy, United States mail, street walking, safe keeping and insanity.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is pleasant to take, positively harmless to the most delicate constitution, and absolutely sure to cure the most obstinate cough or cold. A household necessity.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ONLY ONE STEP FROM MAKER TO WEARER.

We manufacture our own garments, and sell direct to the wearer and ordinarily save you the usual retailer's profit. IS IT SURPRISING, then, that in this Sacrifice Sale of our High Grade JACKETS, CAPES, SKIRTS, FUR CAPES, &c., which we commenced last Saturday, where we not only save you the usual retailer's profit, but are actually selling you garments at about 1-2 the cost to manufacture, that one-half of our stock has been sold? WE THINK NOT.

This is an opportunity that appeals directly to the POCKET BOOKS of economical buyers. The balance of our Jackets, Skirts and Capes must be turned into cash before January 1st. Don't buy a Jacket or Cape until you have seen our stock and you will be surprised to see how little money it takes to buy a first class garment.

All Wool Beaver and Boucle and Covert Cloth Jackets, Usually retailed at \$8.98.

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The Proper Place to Secure a Christmas Gift.

OUR PRICES WILL PLEASE YOU.

UMBRELLAS.

\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 to \$5.00.

BIG REDUCTION.

\$50 for \$35, 40 " 25, 30 " 20, 25 " 15.

With cloth shoes, the up to date bag.

Leather Dress Suit Cases \$5.00.

NECKWEAR.

—AND—

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A BARGAIN.

Others \$2.00 to \$10.00.

caps and TAMS.

At any price you want.

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Owen, Moore & Co.
Eastman Bros. & Barlett.
J. R. Libby.
N. M. Perkins & Co.
Dissolution of Partnership.
Loring, Short & Harmon.
W. L. Wilson & Co.
Palmer Bros. Co.
Atkinson House Furnishing Co.-4.
Haskin & Jones.
H. P. Clark & Co.
Hooper, Son & Leighton.

AMUSEMENTS.
Portland Theatre.
Crystal Maze.

New Wants to Let. For Sale Lost. Found and similar advertisements will be found under their appropriate heads on Page 6.

For chilblains or frost bite, or sore or tender feet, try Salva-oca. It is the most effective remedy yet produced.

"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" has been used for fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, cures Wind Colic, regulates the bowels, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea whether arising from teething or other causes. For sale by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, 25 cts a bottle.

BRIEF JOTTINGS.

Skating, Skating, at Portland Ice Rink.
Steam users are notified that Dow & Pinkham, 35 Exchange street, have an expert boiler inspector located in their office, and prompt attention will be given to requests for inspections or insurance of boilers.

The Mutual Improvement Club will meet with Mrs. H. H. Shaw, 99 North street, today. Roll call will be answered from the sixth and seventh chapters of the manual, also with Christmas quotations.

Work has begun on the foundation for the Green street entrance of the Oaks, and the stone is being hauled for the upper Grove street entrance.

The annual meeting of Maine Association No. 1 of National Association Stationary Engineers will be held at 45 Exchange street on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at eight o'clock. Reports of officers and committees and election of officers will be in order. All members are requested to be in attendance.

It was a splendid moonlight last night.
A fire in the hallway of the building occupied by Wetherling, the restaurant keeper, and others, did small damage early Saturday morning. It is believed to have been incendiary.

Great sale of Christmas goods at Stockbridge's Music Store.

PERSONAL.

Hon. George A. Curran of Calais and Hon. F. H. Appleton of Bangor were at the Falmouth hotel, Saturday.
Dr. S. A. Packard has recovered from his late illness.
Dr. Fattor has returned from his Boston visit.

Furniture for Encampment Hall.

In the large window of the Walter Corey Company may be seen a sample of the furniture to be used in the Encampment hall in the new Odd Fellows' quarters in Baxter block. There are three mahogany chairs and a settee, all of polished quartered oak and finely upholstered. The furniture was designed by Mr. Mitchell and the work done by the Walter Corey Company. It is a fine specimen of the work done by this well known firm and is a credit to a Portland concern. They also furnish the draperies for the encampment hall. The draperies were also designed by Mr. Mitchell of the Walter Corey Company and are among the handsomest to be found in any lodge room in the country.

If you do not know just what to give for a Christmas present go to McKenney, the jeweler. He will suggest something to you and your pocketbook.

Catholic Debating Club.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, at their meeting elected these officers for the ensuing year:
President—Mrs. Charles Petty.
Vice President—Lillian G. Pender.
Record Secretary—Gertrude M. Walsh.
Financial Secretary—Grace Loring.
Treasurer—Katie Lyndon.
Sergeant-at-Arms—Mamie McKenzie.
Trustees—Susie Towle, Helen McGee and Jennie Mitchell.

Hot coffee served free at Wilson's.

Dropped Dead.

Waterville, December 19.—City Solicitor Frederick A. Waite dropped dead in his office this afternoon from heart disease. He was born in Buckfield, Me., in 1841, and worked on a farm until he was 18. He taught school and attended college at Belton academy. He graduated from Colby University in 1868, and was admitted to the bar in 1870. He began to practice here in 1871. He leaves a widow and two sons.

A Maniac's Deed.

Inwood, Ont., December 19.—Joseph Atkinson, a prominent business man here, shot his wife dead as she lay asleep in her bed at 6 this morning and then shot himself, dying within an hour. Atkinson has been sick some time and was supposed to have become temporarily insane as a result of his illness.

Fell From a Car.

Yarmouth, December 19.—James Rogers, a Grand Trunk brakeman, fell from the top of a freight car here today, breaking his hip and arm. He also received other severe injuries.

Drowned While Skating.

Bridgton, Me., December 19.—Fred Edson, a boy of thirteen, was drowned on Long lake, Naples, while skating. He was missed from home and a searching party, after a long hunt, recovered the body.

Will Give Lewsen a Breathing Spell.

Lewiston, December 19.—R. M. Lewsen, the much arrested elopement dealer, for alleged violation of the interest vendor law, who was arrested today. It is understood a prosecution will not until the supreme court convenes. The plan to arrest Lewsen daily has been abandoned.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The family physician at
J. R. Libby.

FREEDMAN'S AID.

Rev. Dr. Hammond at Chestnut Street Church Yesterday Afternoon.

The services yesterday afternoon at Chestnut street church were in aid of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, D. D., an Afro-American preacher was present and presented the claims of the colored race.

Dr. Hammond is a very pleasing speaker, and at times grew eloquent as he pleaded for the rights of the black man, of which race he is a part, and for which he is earnestly working.

It is almost impossible, said the speaker to institute a comparison between the nationality which represents the people of our nation and Abraham Lincoln was indeed raised up of God to be the emancipator of the down trodden southerners. We have enjoyed freedom for some thirty years now and during that time the race has made considerable progress, but I find that even today there are some people in the country who are hoping that the institution of human slavery may be again established. I cannot forget that at the time that President Lincoln issued his call for volunteers to enter the fight for the abolishing of slavery, that New Englanders responded nobly to the call.

The black man is grateful for the work accomplished by the North, and always shall the graves of the fallen heroes of the North who fell in Southern battle-fields be kept green. You cannot continue the speaker, succeed in lifting up any people that are Godless. Such a people is absolutely hopeless and in bondage. There is deep down in the negro heart respect for God and the things of religion. The colored people are ready and willing to be lifted up to a higher level. This cannot be said of the numerous throngs of anarchy and other elements that are constantly immigrating to our shores. Today 3,000,000 of the colored people belong to the church and these with families are striving to elevate their children, their homes and their communities to a higher level of Christian progress and growth. Take away the moral and social shackles, bring him the light of the gospel and you will find that the colored man will be better able and more willing to assist in the work that makes for righteousness and the evangelization of the world.

There are among this people a goodly portion of practical and studious beings, who are striving to find a place in the moral and industrial world. We have our industrial schools and our people are taught in the various branches of manual training, and of late years we have been offering to the women advantages to become qualified in the affairs of domestic life and household duties. What progress the black man has made has been accomplished in the past thirty years, while the progress of the white man has been accomplished in hundreds of years.

We do not claim to be equal with our superior to the white man, but all we ask is a chance to educate our masses and give them opportunities for social and moral advancement which they are eagerly striving to obtain. The speaker closed his remarks with an appeal for funds to be devoted to the Freedman's Aid society, an appeal which was warmly responded to by the congregation. Dr. Hammond spoke Sunday morning to the Methodists at Westbrook, and last evening presented the claims of the black man to the Congress street Methodist church.

ARRIVAL OF THE MANITOBA.

A Hard Trip But Only a Little Damage Sustained.

The steamship Manitoba, Captain Eastaway, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon from Glasgow. The Manitoba left Glasgow December 4th and had a rough passage. She encountered westerly gales until she reached the "forties." Another gale was experienced on December 9th, accompanied by heavy snow, and a small gale on Saturday night when the ship was off the Cape. In the gale of the 9th inst. the waves struck the ship with such force that one foot was damaged but the ship was all the injury received during the trip, and no one on board was hurt. The Manitoba brought five outlanders as passengers, about five hundred tons of coal and three hundred tons of miscellaneous cargo. She was pretty well loaded up, and her decks had a heavy crust of half melted ice and snow.

The Manitoba used to be one of the crack ships of the Allan line. She is a sister ship to the celebrated privateer Alabama sunk by the Kearsarge in the famous naval battle.

McKenney will show you any good kind of a watch you may want for your boy or girl.

The Stoddard Lectures.

No entertainment ever offered the American public can boast of higher character or has attracted finer audiences for a longer period of years than the Stoddard lectures. The lectures of this year which are to begin on Monday evening of next week at City hall have been welcomed by huge and delighted audiences of the highest character in our most important cities. Portland is the only city outside of the big cities of the country that is to be favored by Mr. Stoddard. The opportunity should not be neglected. Stockbridge will have course tickets on sale but a few days longer.

McKenney has a fine line of the celebrated Mc. Washington cut glass ware in elegant designs.

Mrs. Dyer's Exhibition.

Mrs. C. A. Dyer, Hampshire street, held an exhibition on Friday and Saturday which was largely attended. Mrs. Dyer has attained a marked reputation as a water color artist. Her work attracted much attention at the New England fair, and her water colors took the first prize. She has more than a local fame, as for three successive years she has exhibited in the fine art building, Golden Gate park, San Francisco.

McKenney will show you 200 wedding rings of his own manufacture to select from. There have never been a divorce or any trouble where one of his rings has been used.

RAILWAY CONDUCTORS

Have Their Annual Election and Dinner in Portland Yesterday.

The annual meeting of Pine Tree Division, No. 63, Order of Railway Conductors, was held at Rosini hall yesterday afternoon, Chief Conductor E. C. Lasselle, Maine Central, in the chair. These officers were elected for the years 1896-97:

Chief Conductor—E. C. Lasselle, G. T. R. Assistant Chief Conductor—T. D. Jewell, G. T. R. Secretary and Treasurer—Solon S. Canill, Maine Central. Senior Conductor—E. W. Cook, Maine Central. Junior Conductor—C. E. Tryon, G. T. R.

Inside Sentinel—H. I. Stevenson, B. and O. Outside Sentinel—S. E. Gresley, P. and O.

Division Committee—F. A. McIntire, Maine Central; W. L. Estebrook, superintendent of Mousam railroad; A. E. Hanson, G. T. R. Delegates to the Grand Division to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., May 18, '97—L. D. Cobb, Maine Central. Alternates—C. C. Berry, Maine Central. Correspondent—E. W. Cook.

In the beneficiary department these officers were elected:

President—E. C. Lasselle. Secretary and Treasurer—W. Sprague, Maine Central.

The directors were all re-elected. A generous fund was realized from the late ball held at Portland.

The condition of the beneficiary department is excellent. This is the department from which funds are sent to sick brothers.

After the meeting an elegant dinner was enjoyed at the Falmouth hotel, at which the ladies were present. In the evening the newly elected officers were installed with appropriate exercises. Past Chief Conductor Pratt of the Grand Trunk was installing officer. These members were present: F. A. McIntire, Portland; D. L. Foster, Bangham; L. D. Cobb, Bath; A. W. Hodgkins, Rockland; George L. Barber, Portland; C. E. Quint, Portland; William Hooper, Portland; E. C. Lasselle, Waterville; C. C. Berry, Portland; G. A. West, Waterville; E. W. Cook, Waterville; E. J. Palmer, H. I. Stevenson, E. Belanga, Geo. P. Thomas, Portland; George Lunt, Richmond; R. A. Rounds, Auburn; J. B. Chandler, Portland; M. Tarr, Bangor; W. W. Sprague, Lancaster, N. H.; C. M. Brett, Portland; E. H. Sprague, East Deering; J. S. Seasholtz, Deering; W. F. Jones, Rockland; W. H. Ralston, Bangor; S. C. Gresley, Portland; John A. Maco, Portland; L. W. Gould, South Portland; C. A. Smart, Lancaster, N. H. Most of these gentlemen were accompanied by their wives and daughters, and after the installation exercises there was a delightful programme of music and recitations.

McKenney's line of ladies' and gent's chains and charms in solid gold and best plate is very large.

Commercial Travellers' Dinner.

At a meeting held at the Preble house Saturday evening, by the board of management and committee of the Maine Commercial Travellers' Association, final arrangements were made for the annual banquet at the Congress square hotel, Saturday evening, December 28, ladies night. Tickets are selling well and there promises to be a large party. Arrangements have been made to accommodate those living in the vicinity to have a car leave Preble street at 11.30.

This being "ladies' night," some have the idea that it is to be a full dress affair, but the committee wish to assure all that it is just an informal reception, and a social good time. Tickets can be obtained of Blot, E. Lane, A. M. Monahan, D. B. Myshwell, H. L. Damon, J. F. Lapham, J. P. Stevens, W. W. Roberts, C. C. Blake, R. L. Sayward and J. M. Hobbs. It is hoped that all will buy tickets on or before Thursday, as it is quite necessary for the committee to know at that time the number to provide for.

Santa Claus Has Come.

Santa Claus has arrived in town with a full pack, and is to be found in Chas. Day's windows, which represents an old-fashioned sitting room. Santa Claus has just come down the chimney and left a room full of toys for the children. Now Santa Claus gets all his toys to leave at the homes in Portland at Chas. Day's toy store. If you want to see what Santa Claus puts in his pack, call at 544 Congress street and you will see everything that a child could wish for.

Badly Burned.

A man named Dearborn of Limerick came in over the Portland and Rochester Sunday who was going to the Maine General hospital. Dearborn was terribly burned by the explosion of a kerosene lamp, and parts of his body are frightfully blistered. He will undoubtedly be confined to the hospital for several days.

Pure

Blood is essential to perfect health. This is a scientific fact. Every organ, nerve and muscle must be fed and nourished. It is the function of the blood to furnish this nourishment, and the quality of nourishment these organs receive depends on the quality of the blood. If the blood is

Rich

Pure and full of vitality it will properly feed and support the whole mechanism of the body. If it is poor and thin disease and suffering will be inevitable. The great success of Hood's Sarsaparilla in curing stubborn cases of scrofula, eczema, rheumatism, neuralgia and many other similar troubles, is based upon its power to enrich and purify the blood.

McKENNEY

THE JEWELER, Monument Sq.

200 to select from.

Any size and shape you want.

18 kt., 14 kt., 10 kt.

Wedding Rings.

ALL Smoke But No Fire.

The alarm from box 35, located at the corner of Chestnut and Cumberland streets at 4.30 Saturday afternoon, called the department to what seemed to be a fire in a house 85 Stone street. It appears that the house was not occupied and that repairs were being made on it.

Plasterers were at work in the upper part of the house and had just started a fire to dry out the rooms. The chimney did not draw well and the room was soon filled with smoke. A man named Ingraham was passing along on the opposite side of the street, and seeing the smoke issuing from the windows, concluded that the house must be on fire. Mr. Ingraham tried to attract the attention of the plasterers, but they failed to hear, and did not receive any response. Mr. Ingraham concluded that no one was within, and that the house was on fire, so he hastened to ring the alarm.

Upon the arrival of the department, Chief Eldredge found that there was no fire, and that the house was all safe from any danger that might arise from the smoke issuing from the windows, and accordingly ordered the department to return to their respective houses.

Shorn of Her Tresses.

Elsie L. Hughes, who tends the chocolate and bon bon counter at C. S. Worth & Co.'s store, on her way home Friday night stopped to gaze in a shop window, and while there some miscreant chopped off four inches of her hair. It is a singular thing that another girl in the same store, Ella Fuller, lost all her hair some two years ago, the whole braid being chopped off by some miscreant at City hall.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

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PORTLAND, December 21st, 1896.

The store will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings till 10 o'clock.

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momentous annual conundrum, "What to get for Christmas", will have to be answered this week, and we take it for granted that you have already given the question a deal of thought, and, perhaps, some worryment. The main difficulty, after all, is in choosing from such a wealth of variety as every department of this big store offers.

In all the history of holiday business there's never been a time when a dollar would go so far, never a time when a little would buy so much. As ours in an all-the-year-round holiday stock, you late ones who have left the biggest part of your shopping till the last will find the assortment satisfactory still.

The stocks have all been freshened by the addition of new goods, so that you who come today will find quite as good assortment to select from as at any time during the whole holiday season.

There are thousands of odd, pretty, useful things scattered through the thirty big departments of this store, and among so many you can hardly fail to find the very thing you want. There will be a crush, of course, you expect that and all the confusion that comes from so much to do and so little to do it in. But that's no reason why your smallest want should not have the most careful attention, the most painstaking care—we promise that it shall.

We want to emphasize the importance of your visit to the basement.

This big section of the store is at all times entertaining, but at this holiday season is vastly more so than usual. All the necessary things for filling the stockings and decorating the Christmas tree are in the basement; so is the pottery, cut glass and baskets and metal goods.

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